



TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSING POLICY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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HOUSING LIAISON COMMITTEE Minutes of June 3, 2005 Meeting

Present: K. Murphy, G. Esty, S. Bernstein, A. Wells, M. Donovan

Administration

- Need earlier word from Judi when she is not going to be able to attend. Just a little more notice.
- Discussed transcriptions of past meetings. Possibly release them for distribution.
- Need to keep discussion in one place. Email addresses of people attending should not be given out before hand, so that the discussion only happens at the meeting.

CAC Meeting Discussion

- For next meeting we want to possibly use the Public Meeting Room.
- Possibly move the Traffic and Public Safety meetings to a different room.
- At the next meeting no longer use breakouts. (Too time consuming) Perhaps a show of hands system can be used.
- Went over possibly agenda for the next meeting:
 - The order in which to handle the main parts of the meeting.
 - The last three bullets on the agenda sheet are not separate issues. Possibly discuss as one issue and at the beginning or middle part of the meeting.
 - Need to keep interest in the issues, it's a long process.

General Discussion and Questions

- Need the demographic information of the town.
 - Will show housing price vs. groups.
- How does the median income effect things?
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- The town is not building more middle income housing.
 - Only building either low income or higher income housing.
 - How does this affect other aspects of the town? (School System etc)
- What type of housing has to be made available to the median income group?
- Is it better to think locally or regionally?
 - Probably better to think regionally.
- Discussed where the town has come from and how it is now, compared to past years.
- Find out what “contaminates” the housing stock.
- Where do companies that have out grown their lots go?
 - Major companies buying up large commercial zones are similar to SMOC buying up low income housing.
 - What to do about small manufacturing companies that have grown into industrial companies?
- Housing plan should have in it that code needs to be strictly enforced to keep the quality of the housing up.

Data Needs

- Start providing data, so items can be based on facts.
 - Someone should gather data.
 - Data can be organized in a chart perhaps.
 - Get Assessor’s data
 - Break down into price ranges.
 - Possibly get comparative data from surrounding communities.
 - Possibly get the data out ahead of time to allow people to digest the facts.
 - Can break the town up into quadrants or sections.
 - Possibly use the voter precincts.
 - Possibly use different zones as the sections.
 - Use GIS maps to show the data (color coded).
- Need Data from Judi (ASAP):
 - All types of housing
 - Town demographics
 - Other communities’ data (regional)
 - Open space map?